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Dear President Falconer,

The article  
by J. Addison Reid, in the Toronto  
Sunday World, on the Indian  
paintings of Paul Kane has just  
reached me here. The artist was  
an uncle of mine, having married  
an older sister of my mother. His  
eldest son, Paul Kane II, lives  
at Rathwell Manitoba. Whilst  
at Shorncliffe, I called to see  
his son who was in a hospital  
there. In discussing the artist's  
work he told me that his father,  
Paul Kane II, had some of the artist's  
pictures, sketches, &c at his house  
in Rathwell. I wrote to Paul Kane II  
urging him as strongly as I could,  
to give them to the University to



supplement the Collection presented  
by Sir Edmund Osler. I do not  
know how many pictures he has,  
their subjects, or whether they are  
finished or not, but no doubt  
they would be an interesting  
addition to the University  
Collection. It would be a pity if  
they were left to be scattered or lost  
after his death. Will you take the  
matter up with him?

Cavea diu Cavea picturam!

With kindest regards and best  
wishes

Yours sincerely

Edmund

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November 23rd, 1916

Major Eric N. Armour,  
95th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force,  
Army Post office, London.

My dear Major:

I have just written to Paul Kane III telling him that I had heard from you, explaining how much we prize the collection of his father's pictures that we already possess, how wide opportunity they are given to be admired and studied by visitors from everywhere and asking him if it is possible for us to secure any other pictures or any of the sketches of his father that he may have that will add to the value of those we already possess. As soon as I hear from him I will let you know what success we may have. Thank you for bringing the matter to my attention.

I suppose that by this time you are in the midst of preparations for the winter campaign. The announcements made here of late lead us to expect that there will not be much cessation of activity during the winter months. We all look to you men with a great deal of interest and with the highest respect. We know how well you are doing; we know what an awful task you have undertaken, and how splendidly you are carrying it through, although perhaps we say less sometimes than we might, those of us who are at home are deeply grateful to you. But the losses are very severe. We shall all miss Major Moss keenly. There are many among the younger men that it will be hard for us to do without. The record of our men



is growing splendidly. In a recent issue of "Varsity" I think there were six military crosses announced. Of course you will know about these matters just as we do.

The University as we must expect is very empty. Apart from the Medical Faculty the attendance of men is very small indeed, and even Medicine is greatly reduced. In December the fifth year in Medicine closes and about 75 men will go to the front.

The question of recruiting is giving a great deal of concern to most people. I am out at a number of recruiting meetings and meet many men who are discussing the matter. There seems to be a widespread opinion among men whose judgment I cannot afford to minimise that conscription would not go through, though undoubtedly it would be the fairest thing. It does seem hard that after we are doing our best in the University and sending away so many of those who are needed for the future of this country that other sections should not respond equally well. If there were only similar response over the country we should get the number of men we need.

There is no doubt also that the question of production of food is assuming serious proportions. Yesterday some gentlemen were speaking to me about this matter and if things go on as they are by spring we shall be in a pretty tight place. All of which shows that there ought to be some regulation that we can use our men and women in the right way and in the right place.

I shall always be glad to hear from you. With kind regards,

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.



June 6th, 1917

Major E. N. Armour,  
Crowborough Camp, England.

My dear Major:

Your very welcome cable came to me yesterday and I hasten to acknowledge it. That you should have taken the pains in the midst of your many other duties to cable to me is a great element in the gratification that I feel in receiving it. The honour of course is done to the University primarily, though it is a satisfaction to be assured on all hands that the friends of the University are pleased and think that it has been worthily bestowed. It came to me as a great surprise last week in a preliminary sounding of my willingness to accept it. I recognise also that it is in measure due to the splendid work that is being done by our graduates and undergraduates at the front. Therefore in a certain sense I owe the distinction to you and others.

I hope that you are finding the work to your satisfaction and that you are getting such opportunities of military service as you hoped to be afforded when you so heartily enlisted now such a long time ago. How slowly the time passes in one way. I had been hoping that you might be back in the autumn, but now it does not look much like that.

As you know the place has been very lonely during the past winter. What changes we are facing I can only surmise, but I should think that if conscription were to be brought in, as I hope it



will, we may have a hunter here in the junior years next autumn.

You will have heard of the serious situation we had in the matter of coal last winter with the result that now we are taking all possible precaution for the future, but at the same time have to pay advanced prices for our coal. To-morrow we go before the Government with a deficit of some \$165,000, \$30,000 of which is due to an increase for coal. I shall be glad to hear from you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



